

MIDEAST DISTRICT

BY ANNE CORRIGAN

MIDEAST ADULT DIRECTOR

Hello and greetings to all,

I want to reintroduce myself. I am Anne Corrigan from Pontiac, Illinois and I am your Mideast Adult Director for 2024-2026. I teach first grade at St. Mary's School. I have been involved in the IAJHSC as a student council advisor for 14 years. I enjoy working with the young leaders of our future. I have been married to my husband, Mark for 29 years this coming October. I have two sons. One is a John Deere service technician at Prairie State Tractor in Pontiac, Illinois while attending Murray State University online to earn his Agribusiness degree. The other son is a freshmen at Joliet Junior College and working toward his Agribusiness degree. Our family owns two steam engines, a full size 60 hp Case Steam Engine, and a ½ scale, 65 hp Case Steam Engine. We travel to different threshing shows throughout the summer. Besides steam engines, I love collecting playing cards, Campbell's soup items, and Hershey's items. Along with the student council, I am a 4-H leader, PTHS music boosters officers, PTHS marching band pit crew, in charge of the Indian Showdown and run the 4-H kitchen during the 4-H fair in July. My whole family is very busy, but we accomplish our goals and tasks that need to be done. Enough about me, here are the updates from the convention.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MADDIE MIKEWORTH
MIDEAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
2024-2025**



**THANK YOU TO KATE LAURITSEN FOR SERVING AS THE IAJHSC
MIDEAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR 2023-2024. SHE DID A
WONDERFUL JOB AND I WANT TO WISH HER GOOD LUCK IN HER
FUTURE ENDEAVORS!**



CONVENTION SNIPITS

- 42 schools in attendance
- 739 delegates and guests in attendance
- 97 schools are part of IAJHSC which is an increase of 20 since last fall
- Theme “Leadership S.O.S. Shaping Our Success” was a great theme and was incorporated well throughout the year and at convention.
- Keynote Speaker: Jesse LeBeau
 - Great job of interaction with the members and keeping them thinking throughout the convention on how to be a better person.
- Caucus meetings
 - Largest group of district representative elections.
 - Great job of promoting the district representative position
 - Thank you to all candidates for running for district representatives.
- Dance and games
 - Members enjoyed the music and the chance to get up and move around and meet new friends.
 - Game room was awesome and had many members playing games with one another.
 - Thank you to the Mideast for taking charge of the game room.
- M & P production during lunch rotation
 - Great motivational speakers
 - Great messages and a lot of fun
- Bruce Small Longevity Award
 - Bruce Small received this award for all of his years of service to the IAJHSC.
- Wrap up Skit
 - District representatives presented a leadership skit that helped showcase the theme and how to better oneself to being the best leader possible.

IAJHSC HONOR COUNCIL AWARD

- Congratulations to the following schools for achieving honor council this year.
 - Bradley Central Middle School
 - Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center
 - Hoopeston Middle School
 - John L. Nash Middle School
 - Oakwood Grade School
 - Odell Grade School
 - Prairie Central Junior High School
 - St. Joseph Middle School
 - St. Mary's School
- 28 total received Honor Council status this year.
- The board will be looking at making a few small changes to the honor council application for next year.

IAJHSC SUMMER LEADERSHIP CAMP



- June 23-29, 2024
- Memorial 4-H Camp in Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois
- \$425 per IAJHSC member school

- \$500 for non-member school
- Deadline for sign up May 10th
- Advisors sign up student council members
- 5 or more members attend will earn your school 2 honor council points
- Amazon wishlist if wanting to help out
- Sponsor a staff member - check out the link on the IAJHSC website

STATE SERVICE PROJECT



- Thank you to all the schools who donated money to the IAJHSC State Service Project.
- Total \$13,456.73
- This amount will cover at least 50 grants in Illinois.
- Thank you to Michell Criqui for attending the state convention and representing Our Military Kids.
- Thank you to Kate Lauritsen for her work on bringing awareness and her knowledge of the service project for the IAJHSC.
- Money is still being collected until June 30, 2024

POP TAB COLLECTION

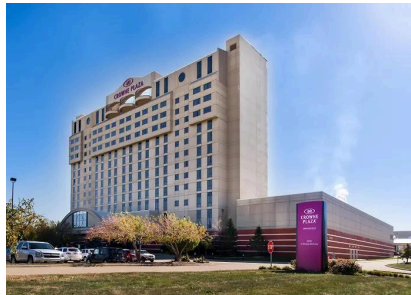


- Thank you to all those that were able to bring pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.
- Keep collecting pop tabs over the summer and bring them to convention next April.

WORKSHOP FOR 2024-2025

- Fall Advisors workshop
 - September 19-20, 2024
 - Pekin First Nazarene Church
 - Pekin, Illinois
- If you are interested in hosting either the Mideast fall or mid-year workshop, please go to the website and fill out the form and return to me.

IAJHSC STATE CONVENTION 2025



- April 11-12, 2025

- \$125 per delegate
- Crowne Plaza Hotel and Convention Center
- Springfield, Illinois
- Keynote Speaker: Carl Olson

END OF THE YEAR



- Good luck to all the graduating 8th grade student council members of the Mideast. I am sure that you will use your leadership skills when you go to high school.
- Good luck to all the advisors as we enter the end of our 2023-2024 school year. I know it has been a challenge with changes, but we have all persevered and made it through another year.
- Hang in there only a few weeks left and then you can relax and enjoy your summer!
- Please reach out to me if you ever have any questions, concerns or comments. I am always looking for ways to improve the Mideast and myself.
- If you will not be returning next year as an advisor, please email me the new advisor's name and email address so that I can make that change in my roster.
- Thank you for another great year and enjoy your summer break!

Anne Corrigan